

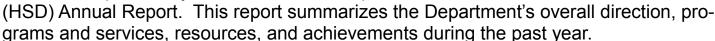


# Fiscal Year 2016 ANNUAL REPORT

MARICOPA COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

# **Director's Message**

I am extremely pleased to present the Fiscal Year 2016 Maricopa County Human Services Department





Providing human services in a County as large and diverse as Maricopa presents many challenges and FY16 was no exception. Still recovering from the Great Recession, too many families, children, and individuals face significant barriers to become self-supporting and reach their full potential. Resources are scarce; laws, program requirements, and expectations are ever changing. Yet, HSD continued to make a measurable difference addressing complex issues, such as poverty, school readiness, homelessness, unemployment, and aging. HSD has made tremendous progress in preparing children for success in school; responding to family crises and preventing homelessness; assisting and connecting job seekers to employment; and helping adults with disabilities and seniors to safely remain in their own homes with dignity.

In FY16, HSD developed and implemented new strategies, expanded innovative pilot programs, continued to improve efficiency and effectiveness, and expanded dynamic partnerships to maximize our impacts. The achievements of 2016 are the result of a talented and committed Executive Team, dedicated and highly engaged HSD employees, and successful collaborations and networks of devoted community and public partners. The past year's accomplishments provide a strong foundation on which we will continue to provide leadership, at all levels, to ensure the most efficient and effective programs and services possible and improve access to comprehensive and coordinated services that the residents of Maricopa County need and deserve.

We thank you for your engagement and commitment to our Community.

### Bruce

Bruce Liggett, Director Maricopa County Human Services Department



### Our Mission, Vision, & Values

### Mission

To provide and coordinate essential support and social services to vulnerable populations to enhance economic, educational, and social opportunities and strengthen communities

### Vision

All Maricopa County residents will have equal access to opportunities to improve their lives

### Values

- **Respect.** Our interactions with clients, community partners, and colleagues are based on the foundation of treating all with respect and dignity, ensuring fairness, and maintaining the highest standards of integrity.
- **Commitment.** We focus on the current and emerging needs of our clients through having an engaged staff who are dedicated to their work and making a difference in the lives of our clients.
- **Accountable.** We hold ourselves responsible for our conduct, for the efficient and effective use of resources, and promote transparency and quality in all services we deliver.
- **Collaborations.** We encourage quality, cooperative partnerships that engage stakeholders and one another to achieve common goals and support a well-functioning human services system.
- **Continuous Improvement.** We incorporate innovative best practices and use data to rigorously strive to improve our programs and services based on outcomes.



# **About the Human Services Department**

FY 2016 Goals

Improve the Efficiency and Effectiveness of Service Delivery

Management Structures to Support Accountability, Excellence, and Growth

Increase Employee Engagement

Create Greater
Awareness and Ensure
Community Involvement

Establish and Expand
Links to Department and
County Programs

Maricopa County is the 4th most populous county in the nation with over 4.3 million people, residing in 24 cities, towns, and unincorporated areas covering 9,224 square miles. The Maricopa County Board of Supervisors (BOS) is the governing body for the County; and appoints the County Manager who oversees County functions and is responsible for the operations of over 40 County departments, including the Maricopa County Human Services Department.

The Maricopa County Human Services Department (HSD) provides a wide array of services in Maricopa County for vulnerable populations and persons with barriers, including low-income families, persons seeking employment opportunities, and communities in need. Five program divisions are responsible for coordinating and delivering services for the most vulnerable in the County.

HSD's Office of the Director provides leadership, vision, and policy direction to these program divisions and the HSD as a whole.

The Administration, Policy, and Planning Division supports the program Divisions through services provided by its five units. The Finance Unit provides financial and compliance functions, including budget development and oversight; accounting; payroll; and financial compliance. The Human Resources Unit supports the Department's employees, addressing recruitment, onboarding, classification, and compliance. The Contracts Unit develops and maintains HSD's contracts as well as coordinates procurement. The IT Unit supports technology users through the maintenance of computer hardware and business applications. The Policy & Planning Unit develops and provides oversight of HSD's strategic policy analysis and strategic planning.

The targeted geographic coverage of HSD's major programs is based on specific State, Federal, or contracted service area assignments. HSD provides leadership countywide and fosters major system regional collaborations and partnerships to improve access to coordinated and comprehensive human services. Partnerships are key to the work the Department does; in FY 2016, HSD had formal partnerships with 116 organizations, many of which represented collaborations on multiple programs and projects.

As a mission-driven organization, the Human Services Department developed five goals for FY 2016 to support and enhance the services the Department delivers to the community.

To create greater awareness, ensure community involvement, and create linkages between programs, the Department established key cross-cutting Initiatives focused on Smart Justice, regionalism, and homelessness. In addition, HSD has formal advisory boards (Head Start Policy Council, Workforce Development Board, Community Development Advisory Council, HOME



# **About the Human Services Department**

Consortium, Community Services Commission) and convenes partners to address critical human services issues.

Employee engagement was measured in FY 2016; the results showed that nearly 90% of HSD staff were engaged or highly engaged. To further increase employee engagement, Divisions utilized such methods as discussion groups, team-building exercises, and professional development.

The success in achieving these goals and all of the Division's accomplishments build a foundation in which the Maricopa County Human Services Department can achieve the vision for all Maricopa County residents to have equal access to opportunities to improve their lives.

Over 70,000 Persons Benefited

**337** department employees provided support and services at **41** locations

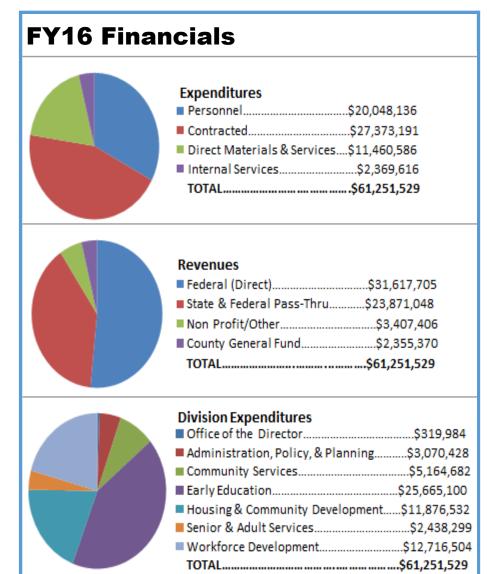
**5** Advisory boards for citizen involvement to guide decisions that impact the community and service delivery

Formal partnerships with 116 organizations, including 41 community and faith-based agencies, 17 local cities and towns, and 12 school districts

**120** contracts, agreements, and amendments processed in fiscal year 2016

\$27 million in contracted services with local cities and towns, community organizations, and other service providers

**94%** of HSD staff feel that the mission and purpose of HSD is personally meaningful



# **Community Services Division**

The Community Services Division aligns services to create systems of support to avert crisis and manage the impact of poverty. This is achieved through the Emergency Assistance Services program and the Family Self Sufficiency program.

The Emergency Assistance program provides emergency assistance with utility payments and/or deposits, rent or mortgage payment assistance to prevent eviction, emergency food and clothing as well as case management services.

As the Community Action Agency for Maricopa County, Community Services partners with local cities, towns, and non-profit agencies to provide basic needs support and crisis case management services to low-income individuals and families to remove barriers to success and economic security.

The Family Self Sufficiency program assists individuals in Maricopa County public housing and/ or in the Housing Choice Voucher program to gain economic independence. Through case management services participant's strengths and barriers to self-sufficiency are identified and realistic goals in education, job

31% of those receiving assistance are single parent homes

training, employment, and housing are established, so participants are able to reach their self-supporting goal.

### **FY16 Accomplishments**

- Increased Family Self Sufficiency program from 24 clients to 60 clients
- Expanded the service delivery system to ensure accessibility to emergency assistance services for 7 cities in northwest Maricopa County
- Implemented equitable service delivery change model to coordinate services across geographic boundaries



### Nearly 6,700 Households Served

**6,241** households received utility assistance with an average payment made of **\$461** per household

Provided emergency assistance services to 1,865 clients who were 60 years or older

**452** households received eviction prevention assistance with an average payment per household of **\$1,067** 

22 Family Self Sufficiency program participants have saved approximately a total of \$76,758 in Escrow Savings Accounts, or about \$3,489 per family

Family Self-Sufficiency program participants with an Individual Development Account (IDA) averaged an account balance of \$1,371

Assisted **74** clients who were affected by homelessness

# **Early Education Division**

The Early Education Division measurably impacts the development of children, parents, and the community to achieve school readiness and family stability for populations with the greatest needs. This is achieved through the provision of federally funded Head Start (HS), Early Head Start (EHS), and Child Care Partnership programs which provide early care and education to children prenatal to age five from low-income families, in foster care, whose family is experiencing homelessness, or with disabilities.

Who Met or Exceeded

School Readiness Goals

The HS and EHS programs offer parents a sense of belonging, other support services, and a chance to be involved in education activities to help their whole family, on subjects such as child development, parenting, job training, health and nutrition, and using resources in the community. Children who participate in the HS or EHS program access a variety of educational activities as well receive support for medical and dental care, have healthy meals and snacks, and enjoy playing indoors and outdoors in safe environments. Services are offered in either home-based or center-based classroom settings, which are also designed to meet the special needs of children with disabilities.

Through partnerships with private child care agencies, HS standards are expanded across

the County to increase the high quality learning opportunities in the community. These partnerships support working families by providing a full-day, full-year program so that low-income children have the healthy and enriching early experiences they need to realize their full potential.

### FY16 Accomplishments

- National Association of Counties Award Winner for "Early Head Start Child Care Partnerships"
- 6 preschool classrooms piloted Academic Parent-Teacher Teams, rather than traditional parent-teacher conferences, resulting in higher parent meeting attendance, increased father involvement, and improved child outcomes

Over 3,400 Children Received Early Childhood Education Services

In FY 2016 this Division served 228 children under one year old; 230 one year olds; 334 two year olds; 1,055 three year olds; and 1,566 four year olds

**1,524** families participated in family engagement activity opportunities

10 children receiving special education services were remediated in a HS or EHS classroom; saving school districts \$93,690 annually

2,560 children received preventative dental care, which resulted in an additional 386 dental treatments

15 parents completed the twogenerational training, Abriendo Puertas/Opening Doors, to promote family well-being and positive education outcomes for children

# Housing and Community Development Division

The Housing and Community Development Division partners with community and governmental organizations to expand affordable housing, support shelter and rapid rehousing for homeless adults and families, weatherize homes, revitalize neighborhoods, and improve community infrastructure, facilities, and services. Funded through a wide array of county, state, federal, and non-profit agencies, these services focus on improving the lives of low to moderate income individuals and households and their communities they reside.

Through the Weatherization and Maricopa County Home Improvement Programs (MCHIP), the Division directly provides home and energy efficiency services to eligible homeowners in the County. The program relies on an innovative centralized inquiry system which assists with efficient response time and funding leveraged from a number of sources. Services offered include:

- Major/Minor home repairs
- Emergency home repairs
- Weatherization and energy efficiency services
- Repair or replacement of utility-related appliances



### FY16 Accomplishments

- National Association of Counties Award Winner for "Help Homeless Get Off the Streets and Into Housing: A Funders Collaborative Initiative"
- \$1.4 million invested in programs benefitting Veterans with service-connected disabilities; Home accessibility modifications were completed to allow these veterans to remain in their homes in a safe and comfortable environment



# Over 11,500 Homeless Adults Received Shelter

**8,070** served through Community Development Block Grant program, providing such services as shelter to the homeless and infrastructure improvements in communities

**641** children affected by homelessness received shelter

187 homeless adults were placed in permanent housing and achieved self-sufficiency through temporary support

100 low-income families who received weatherization services saved a combined amount of nearly \$30,000 on home utility bills, and projected to save a combined \$300,000 over the next decade

Nearly 82% of household units weatherized included persons with disabilities

**675** families sought assistance for MCHIP

# Senior and Adult Services Division

The Senior and Adult Services Division (SASD) provides quality case management services coordinating home and community based resources and services for individuals age 60 and older and adults age 18 – 59 with physical disabilities receiving SSI/Disability payments. Service priority is given to individuals with the greatest economic and social needs. Case management is predicated on helping those community members who are aging or those with disabilities maintain a quality of life in the home and community-based setting.

Through a contract with the Area Agency on Aging, the Senior Adult Independent Living (SAIL) program receives referrals from those seeking assistance in the community. The SAIL case managers provide person-centered planning to assist each individual based on their needs. The goal of this program is to ensure individuals served are able to continue living independently in their homes in a safe and healthy environment for as long as possible. This is achieved through case management and linking those served to additional services such as

home delivered meals, home nursing, and other community resources.

525K

Home Meals
Coordinated





### FY16 Accomplishments

- Through the SAIL program, 98% of clients are assisted in safely remaining in their homes, diverting costly nursing home placements for an average of 4 years
- Nearly 32,000 hours of case management services were provided to clients, either in-person or by phone
- National Association of Counties Award Winner for "GIS Improvements"



Over 6,500 Individuals Served

Case Managers provided more than **9,500** scheduled in-home assessments on an annual basis

Case Managers received a total of 4,246 new referrals in FY 2016

Seventy-three percent of the population served lives alone

Forty percent of clients served are age 80 or older, including 30 individuals 100 years or older

Case Management coordinated over **\$11 million** of services for clients

Over **75,000** hours of personal care and nursing services were coordinated annually at an estimated cost of **\$2.2 million** 

Connected **26%** of clients with housekeeping services

# Workforce Development Division

Workforce Development Division (WDD) consists of a wide range of activities designed to assist individuals, many with significant barriers to employment, in obtaining the knowledge and skills necessary for self-supporting employment. WDD also assists businesses to remain competitive by linking qualified employees to job openings. This is accomplished through ARIZONA@WORK Maricopa County. Through the support of federal funding, services are provided at no charge and include:

- The Adult program provides workforce services to increase the attainment of recognized post-secondary credentials, employment, and earnings for adults age 18 and older.
- The Dislocated Worker program provides services to those who have been terminated or laid off, generally due to employer downsizing or plant closures.
- The Rapid Response program is the cooperative effort of County staff & other partner programs, to provide assistance

and services to workers affected by layoffs, plant closures, or natural disasters resulting in a mass job dislocation.

The Youth program provides a comprehensive array of services to disconnected youth. The goal is for these youth to obtain a job in a career pathway, enroll in 3 out of 4 people employed



post-secondary education, or register in an apprenticeship prior to the end of their participation in the program.

### FY16 Accomplishments

- Winner of 5 National Association of Counties Awards, including for the "Wickenburg Workforce Partnership" and "Smart Justice Workforce Development Re-Entry"
- Completed a Joint Regional Workforce Development Planning Initiative with the City of Phoenix to improve workforce development services throughout the region



Over 19,500 Program Participants

Over 100,000 individual workforce services provided, including resume assistance, job fairs, career workshops, computer lab services, case management, and job training

**33%** of participants received job training to increase skills and improve career readiness

Average hourly wage earned after receiving services was \$17.98

Provided services to 1,429 justice -involved clients

Enrolled **273** in-school and **205** out-of-school youth to provide intensive case management and workforce preparation services

Partnered with Starbucks and other organizations for the **100K** Opportunities for Youth Initiative

Worked with **796** employers, including Banner Health, State Farm, & JP Morgan Chase

# **Partnerships**

HSD is committed to developing and maintaining a strong human ser-

vices system that is responsive, efficient, effective, and accountable. To achieve this system, HSD cannot do it alone; it can only be achieved through robust partnerships.

### Community & Faith-Based Organizations

A New Leaf

Area Agency on Aging

Arizona Call-A-Teen- ACYR

Arizona Community Action Assoc.

Arizona Women's Education &

Employment, Inc.

ARM of Save the Family

Banner Health Olive Branch Senior

Center

Boys & Girls Club

Bridging-AZ Furniture Bank, Inc.

Catholic Charities Community Svcs

Central Arizona Shelter Services

**Chandler Christian Community** 

Center

Chicanos por la Causa

Circle the City

Community Asset Resource Enter-

prise (CARE) Partnership

Community Bridges, Inc.

Community Information & Referral

Corporation for Supportive Housing

East Valley-RSVP

First Presbyterian Church

First United Methodist Church

Of Mesa

Foundation for Senior Living

Gabriel's Angels

Goodwill Industries of Central AZ

House of Refuge

**Human Services Campus** 

Lodestar Day Resource Center

Markel Foundation

Maximus Human Services. Inc.

**New Life Center** 

Portable, Practical, Educational

Preparation, Inc. (PPEP)

ResCare Arbor Education and

Training LLC

Respite Shelter for Homeless Men

Society of St. Vincent De Paul

Son Rise Faith Community Center

Teach for America

Tempe Community Action Agency

**Trellis** 

**UMOM New Day Centers** 

Valley of the Sun United Way Valor on Eighth

Vitalyst Health Foundation Worthy Institute

#### **Healthcare Services & Providers**

Camelback Family and Cosmetic

Care for Kids Arizona, LLC

Chandler Regional Medical Center

Dignity Health

Fiesta Kids Dental, LLC

**KEOGH** 

Mercy Maricopa Integrated Care

#### **Local Governments & Agencies**

City of Avondale

City of Buckeye

City of Chandler

City of El Mirage

City of Glendale

City of Goodyear

City of Peoria

City of Phoenix

City of Scottsdale

City of Surprise

City of Tempe

City of Tolleson

Gila River Indian Community

Housing Authority of Maricopa

County

Maricopa Association of

Governments

Maricopa County Library District

Maricopa County Adult Probation

Department

Maricopa County Department of

Public Health

Maricopa County Sheriff's Office

Regional Public Transportation

Authority

Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian

Community

Town of Gila Bend

Town of Gilbert

Town of Guadalupe Town of Wickenburg

Town of Wickenburg

Town of Youngtown

Wittman Fire Department

### School Districts/Educational & Training Institutions

A Shining Star Preschool
A.T. Still University

Arizona State University

**Bright Future Stars** 

**Chandler Unified School District** 

Garden City Child Development

Center

Gilbert School District

Glendale Elementary School District

**Great Explorers** 

**Higley School District** 

Kyrene School District

Maricopa County Community

College District

Maricopa County Regional School

District

Mesa Unified School District

Nadaburg School District

Queen Creek School District

Scottsdale Unified School District

St Scholastica

Tempe Elementary School District

Tempe Union High School District

**Tutor Time Learning Center** 

WestEd Year-Up

### State & Federal Agencies

Arizona Attorney General's Office

Arizona Dept of Administration

Arizona Dept of Economic Security

Arizona Dept of Education

Arizona Dept of Health Services

Arizona Dept of Housing US Dept of Health & Human Services

US Dept of Housing &

Urban Development

#### **Additional Partners**

Arizona Diversity Business

Development Center, Inc.

Arizona Public Service (APS)

AZ School Meals LLC Guadalupe Community Development

Corporation

Madison Heights

Mesa Broadway Property Limited

Partnership

Newtown Community Development

Corporation

Orchard Estates Apartments Limited

Partnership



602-372-4200

# **Contact the Human Services Department**

### Visit our website at: www.hsd.maricopa.gov

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Housing and Community Development Division	234 N. Central Avenue, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Phoenix, AZ 85004	602-506-5911
Senior and Adult Services Division	234 N. Central Avenue, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Phoenix, AZ 85004	602-506-5911
Early Education Division		
Head Start, Early Head Start, & Early Head Start Child Care Partnerships (for Enrollment)	2150 S. Country Club Drive Mesa, AZ 85210	480-464-9669
Workforce Development Division		
ARIZONA@WORK Comprehensive Site - East	735 N. Gilbert Road, Ste. 134 Gilbert, AZ 85234	602-372-9700

#### **Additional Contact Information**

**Comprehensive Site - West** 

ARIZONA@WORK

Area Agency on Aging - Senior Help Line602-264-4357 (HELP)Community Information and Referral Services2-1-1 OR 877-211-8661Fair Housing Hotline602-506-5911

Phoenix, AZ 85037

Maricopa County Community Action Programs Contact the direct service provider in your area

1840 N. 95th Avenue, Ste.160